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Unidentified Woman **Questioned** in Death

who has been formally charged with

The body of Mrs. Epes, a school-teacher, was found in a maneuver

Lt. Epes, weak from the loss of blood because of razor wounds which Army authorities said were

self-inflicted, rode in an ambulance to the scene and admitted, Sheriff T.

Alex Heise said, he had buried his

Police said the woman being questioned lived in Lake Charles, La.,

where Lt. Epes was stationed before he was transferred to Fort Jackson

Fort Jackson authorities said Lt.

Epes attempted suicide last Monday. He was kept in the post hospital, to which he was attached, until last

night, when he was surrendered to

civilian authorities and removed to the hospital at the State peniten-

Lt. Epes told officers, the sheriff

said, that he had planted his wife's

pocketbook in the gutter of a down-

town street the day he reported her

missing, hoping that officers would think she had dropped it there. She had been reported missing 16 days

Last night as Lt. Epes entered the prison hospital, the sheriff said, he

handed him a check for \$100 to offer

as a reward for the return of the

Until Lt. Epes entered the Army, the couple lived in Richmond, where

before the body was found.

pocketbook.

foxhole near Fort Jackson Wednesday after

her husband, Lt.

S. C. Epes, son of a Richmond (Va.) industrialist, led officers to the lonely spot. Lt. Epes said she had died of an over-

dose of sedative, but an autopsy showed she ap-

parently had been drugged

and bludgeoned

to death.

Of Lieutenant's Wife COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 16 .- Police today questioned a woman whose To Stinson Lunacy Hearing identity they kept secret as they

On February 6 Mr. Stinson was unsuccessful in his efforts to reidentity they kept secret as they sought to establish a motive in the death of 26-year-old Mrs. Mary Lee Epes, wife of an Army lieutenant who has been formally charged with ing next Wednesday; had sarrest and detention were legal.

he was associated with his father, T. H. Epes, sr., president of the Epes-Fitzgerald Paper Co.

The couple was married in Jacksonville shortly after Miss Williams was graduated from William and Mary College in June, 1942.

Afterward Mrs. Epes went to Jacksonville to live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Williams, and taught school.

Mrs. Roosevelt Subpoended

Mrs. Roosevelt to testify that Mr. Stinson heat the Government purchase Temple Heights at Connecticut and Florida avenues as a temporary recreation center, to be dedicated after the war as a memorial to war veterans, was placed before the House yesterday in a bill offered by Representative Izac, Democrat, of California.

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